(c) the number of SCs, STs, OBCs and minorities among those selected, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) The Government have approved certain broad parameters based on which the oil marketing companies (OMCs) have been advised to formulate their guidelines for selection of dealers/distributors for retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships.

(b) and (c) The total number of locations, including the locations reserved for Scheduled Castes(SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), in respect of which selection of dealers/distributors has been done during the year.2002-2003 and from April, 2003 to September, 2003, are as under:—

Product	2002-2003		April -Sept., 2003	
	No. of locations		No.of locations	
	Total	Reserved forSC/ST	Total	Reserved forSC/ST
Retail Outlets	425	40	49	15
LPG distribu-torships	64	14	10	2
SKO-LDO dealerships	3	—	1	1

There is no separate reservation for OBCs and minorities in the guidelines for selection of dealers/distributors.

Storage of LPG

85. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to create a strategic storage facility for the mass-consumed cooking medium, the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), to provide protection

against disruption of supplies arising out of any breakdown in indigenous production or war etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the phased time schedule drawn up for creating the tankages in different regions; and

(c) the expected gap between demand and supply and projections made for the volume and value of imports of LPG annually, during the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Oil Industry has proposed setting up of 305 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) additional tankage for LPG, to have an overall demand cover of 45 days by the year 2006-07.

(c) The details of demand, supply and estimated quantity of LPG imports during the period 2003-04 to 2006-07 are as under:-

(in TMT)

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Demand	9,105	10,310	11,123	11,966
Supply	7,444	8,823	8,749	8,635
Gap	1,661	1,487	2,374	3,331
Imports	1,642	1,539	2,430	3,391

The value of imports in any year would depend upon the prevalent international prices of LPG. Also, no estimates have been prepared for the years beyond 2006-07.

Identification of new tourist sports in Uttaranchal for development

†86. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some new tourist spots of the State of Uttaranchal have been identified for development;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.